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3. (original) The portable communication network of Claim 1 wherein each of the units further comprises means for assigning the unit code to each signal transmission.
4. (original) The network of Claim 2 wherein each of the units is further enabled for assigning a selected route code to a transmission subsequent to a previous transmission having the selected route code.
5. (original) The network of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the units is further enabled for fixed-wire communication.
6. (cancelled) The network of Claim 1 wherein each one of the units is enabled for measuring a time delay between an interrogation and a reply with another of the units and for sending position information of said one of the units within a reply message, the one of the units enabled further for determining a relative position on the Earth of the one of the units by a triangulation method.